GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:307
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2007
IDENTIFICATION OF INFILTRATORS
Gawali Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao;Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether persons who have infiltrated into India from the neighbouring countries have managed to obtain ration cards and electoral identify cards etc. and have started living here after getting married in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to identify such persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 307 FOR 20TH MARCH, 2007 BY SMT BHAVANA. P. GAWALI AND SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL, REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF INFILTRATORS

(a) to (c) : There are reports that some of the illegal migrants from neighbouring countries have managed to obtain ration cards, passports and voter identity cards etc as these illegal migrants mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities. Since the illegal migration takes place clandestinely, the realistic estimate of such migration cannot be determined.

The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been empowered under Section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Further, the Government has also sanctioned 3656 posts in various ranks under Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners/ Mobile Task Force (PIF/MTF) Schemes in Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal and Tripura to detect, prosecute and deport illegal migrants.